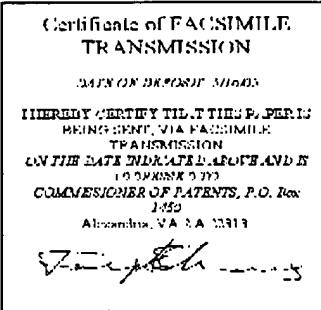


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This response is being timely filed within the one-month time period from the mailing date of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 11, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of all claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Therefore, for the reasons given above, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

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